

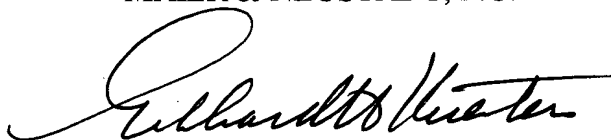
which states that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. [Emphasis added.]

Accordingly, it is urged that this Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn and that an Action on the merits as to all of Claims 1-20 should be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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